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Commissioners,

Please see the attached letter from Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative's Maintenance/Operations Supervisor, Mr. Robert Bernal.

Lorie Zamora
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March 8, 2010

Dear Chairman Mayes and Commissioners:

On March 1st, 2010, it was reported that signs were posted in the Benson area attached to our utility poles and other places. I reminded crews during our Monday Morning Meeting of our standard practice to remove any signs from our facilities, such as: yard sale signs, political signage and any other obstructions that they see.

At Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative it is our standard practice to prohibit the posting of signs, posters, notices and other attachments on any of our facilities. This practice follows the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) article 217A4, which states:

Obstructions:

Signs, posters, notices, and other attachments shall not be placed on supporting structures without concurrence of the owner. Supporting structures should be kept free from other climbing hazards such as tacks, nails, vines, and through bolts not properly trimmed.

The observance of this article is for the protection of the lineman to provide a secure and clear path for the lineman to ascend and descend the pole. Some of the items used to attach these obstructions could cause the lineman to slip or fall. These instruments may protrude from the pole and cause injury to the lineman and a hazard to the general public.

On March 4, 2010, I received a letter addressed to the Benson Construction Office to my attention. Reference exhibit enclosed.

The comments in the letter were particularly disturbing. I took this letter as a personal threat to me and all cooperative employees.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Bernal
Maintenance/Operations Supervisor



**SSVEC:
STEALING FROM
BENSON**

**(increased rates), TO
PAY FOR
SONOITA!
STOP SONOITA
LINE NOW!**

THESE WILL BE POSTED AROUND
BENSON, WILLCOX, AND SIERRA
VISTA UNTIL YOU [REDACTED] START
TELLING YOUR MEMBERS THE
TRUTH(OUTAGES,COSTS,ETC,)
ABOUT THE SONOITA PROJECT AND
IT'S RELATION TO THE MOST
RECENT RATE INCREASE....GO
AHEAD AND KEEP SENDING ONE OF
YOUR MINDLESS MINIONS AROUND
EACH DAY TO TEAR THEM
DOWN...I'LL KEEP PUTTING THEM UP
THE NEXT DAY!....IF YOU CAN'T
HANDLE THE TRUTH, YOU
SHOULDN'T LIE!....a concerned
"member"...

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